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SUBJECT: BERGLAND/WHELAN MEETING

1. JIM HILL OF AGRICULTURE/CANADA CALLED AGATT ON JANUARY 20 REGARDING PLACE AND TIME OF BERGLAND/WHELAN MEETING.
2. IN LIGHT OF COMMITMENTS OF BOTH PRINCIPALS HILL STATED THEY DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE EARLY MEETING ON BORDER BLOCKADE TO BE PARAMOUNT. RATHER THEY VIEW SUBJECT MATTER TO INCLUDE BROADER AND LESS ACUTE ISSUES SUCH AS MTN OFFERS, COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND PROPOSED BROILER MARKETING AGENCY. HILL SUGGESTED A MARCH MEETING IN OTTAWA. AGATT AGREED TO CONVEY THIS TO WASHINGTON.
3. AGATT UNDERSTANDS EMB/W ADVISED BERGLAND/WHELAN MEETING URGENT AND TO FOCUS ON BORDER BLOCKADE. WHILE THIS MAY BE EXTAFF VIEWS OF VICE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT, MINISTER WHELAN DOES NOT RPT NOT APPEAR TO ATTACH SAME DEGREE OF URGENCY TO MEETING.
4. REGARDING BROILER MARKETING AGENCY, HILL STATED THAT MANITOBA READY TO SIGN AGREEMENT. SEP TEL FOLLOWS ON THIS SUBJECT.

5. WITH RESPECT TO COOPERATIVE RESEARCH, THIS IS A STRONG

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PLUS IN U.S./CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL RELATIONS. WHELAN HAS HAD DIFFICULTY FUNDING AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN HIS ARGUMENTS.
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